

House Study Bill 637

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AGRICULTURE BILL BY
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act allocating moneys used to support groundwater protection
2 programs.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b,
1 2 subparagraph (3), subparagraph subdivision (a), Code
1 3 Supplement 2003, is amended to read as follows:
1 4 (a) ~~Thirty-five~~ Thirty-four and one-half percent is
1 5 appropriated annually for the Leopold center for sustainable
1 6 agriculture at Iowa state university of science and
1 7 technology.

1 8 Sec. 2. Section 455E.11, subsection 2, paragraph b,
1 9 subparagraph (3), subparagraph subdivision (b), unnumbered
1 10 paragraph 1, Code Supplement 2003, is amended to read as
1 11 follows:

1 12 Two and one-half percent is appropriated annually to the
1 13 department and, except for administrative expenses, is
1 14 transferred to the Iowa department of public health for the
1 15 purpose of administering grants to counties and conducting
1 16 oversight of county-based programs for the testing of private
1 17 rural water supply wells, private rural water supply well
1 18 sealing, and the proper closure of private rural abandoned
1 19 wells and cisterns. Not more than thirty-five percent of the
1 20 moneys is appropriated annually for grants to counties for the
1 21 purpose of conducting programs of private rural water supply
1 22 testing, private rural water supply well sealing, the proper
1 23 closure of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns, or any
1 24 combination thereof. An amount agreed to by the department of
1 25 natural resources and the Iowa department of public health
1 26 shall be retained by the department of natural resources for
1 27 administrative expenses.

EXPLANATION

1 29 This bill amends Code chapter 455E, which provides
1 30 policies, programs, and expenditures for groundwater
1 31 protection, including by creating the groundwater protection
1 32 fund in Code section 455E.11. The fund includes various
1 33 accounts. One account is the agricultural management account,
1 34 which is supported in part by fees collected under Code
1 35 chapter 200 regulating fertilizers and soil conditioners and
2 1 Code chapter 206 regulating pesticides. After initial moneys
2 2 are appropriated, the remaining amount is allocated according
2 3 to a formula. The first 35 percent is appropriated to the
2 4 Leopold center for sustainable agriculture at Iowa state
2 5 university of science and technology. The next 2 percent is
2 6 appropriated to the department of natural resources, which,
2 7 after taking an amount for administrative expenses, transfers
2 8 the moneys to the Iowa department of public health for the
2 9 purpose of administering grants to counties. The grants are
2 10 to be used for the testing of private rural water supply
2 11 wells, private rural water supply well sealing, and the proper
2 12 closure of private rural abandoned wells and cisterns.

2 13 The bill reduces the appropriation made to the Leopold
2 14 center by one-half percent and increases the appropriation
2 15 made to support the grants to counties by the same amount.

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